

APPENDIX C

ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The following issues were raised at the Committee's meetings. The meeting at which the issue was raised is cited parenthetically. The major issues are ordered according to the "decision matrix" completed by members of the Committee.

Is there a way to mitigate the impact of federal standards at the local level? (June 2)

Eliminate 75/25 state/local split of federal funds? (July 27)

Put "economic impact roads" under MDOT? (Aug 25)

Should the formula provide base amounts for routine maintenance for each jurisdiction? (June 2)

What is the definition of *maintenance*? (Aug 25)

Should the Committee make a recommendation on funding public transit, or wait for the transit study committee's recommendation?

Consolidate and coordinate other agency grants for public transportation? (June 2)

Recapture automotive-related sales tax receipts avoided by car leasing? (June 24)

Revise formula to ensure CTF gets the full 10% it's allowed? (June 24)

Require use of federal aid to cover CTF overhead? (June 24)

Eliminate transit as a set-aside; make it a 4th recipient in the formula? (Aug 25)

Use population and service-area size as formula factors? (Sept. 2)

Abolish funding for state-owned freight lines? (Sept. 2)

Require transit authorities to cross jurisdictional boundaries like county lines? (Oct. 7)

Should we simplify the formula, or keep it as it is? If we revise the formula, what factors should be part of a new formula? Suggested factors include:

Vehicle miles of travel (June 2)

Congestion: year-round, or seasonal (June 24)

Population (June 2)

Vehicle registrations (June 2)

Fuel sales (June 2)

System size (June 2)

System growth (June 2)

System condition (June 2)

Economic-impact roads (Aug 25)

Alternative fuel use (i.e., electric, flex fuels) (Sept. 30)

National Functional Classification (Oct. 27)

Should “Off the top” transfers and deductions be eliminated or adjusted? (June 24)

For other state agency administrative costs?

For MDOT Act 51 administration?

For transportation uses other than the external formula?

Point of deduction of CTF distribution?

Are there ways to develop additional revenue?

Identify users who are not currently paying? (June 2)

Identify revenues that are directed to other uses? (June 2)

Encourage utilities to contribute to the cost of repairing city streets? (June 24)

Require local match or contribution? (July 27)

Local option fuel or registration fees? (Aug 25)

Impact fees? (Aug 25)

Should the Committee recommend a periodic performance assessment? (July 8)

Or a needs study? (June 2)

Or wait for the CRAM study before recommending anything? (June 2)

Should there be a statewide review of National Functional Classification designations? (June 2)

Use this to focus investment on the higher-level systems? (July 27)

Use this to help prioritize transportation investments? (July 27)

How to address coordination issues at the local level particularly? (June 2)

Examine transportation tools to encourage “effective and efficient” growth? (July 8)

Encourage regional coordination? (July 27)

Allow transportation agencies a role in local land use decision-making? (July 27)

Provide for citizen review of impacts of major projects? (Sept. 2)

Should there be a statewide database, consistently and cooperatively maintained? A central data base of condition and traffic? (June 2)

Establish a providers committee to determine data items and methodology? (Sept. 22)

Tie funding to data provision or results? (Sept. 22)

Should Act 51 give townships a formal role in the planning and programming process? (June 2)

All townships, or charter townships, or those of a certain size?

All townships, or just those assuming jurisdiction over their roads?

Include townships in formula? Legislate involvement in project selection/scheduling?

Should townships be required to provide funds through millage for roads?

Should we make eligible, or provide special funds for, some types of infrastructure or activities?

Suggested items include:

City street lighting (June 24)	Data collection (July 27)
Culverts (June 2)	Institutional Roads Program (Sept. 2)
Sidewalks (June 24)	Drains and flooding (Sept. 2)
Aging city bridges (June 24)	All-season road network for forestry
Local bridges generally (July 8)	and agriculture
Untimely snow removal	Up-to-the-minute traffic reports (ITS)
Seasonal congestion	

Are there other reforms that encourage accountability and effectiveness? (July 27)

Five-year investment planning at all levels?

Tort reform?

Competitive bidding?

Regional road agencies?

Allow counties to eliminate road commissions? (Aug 25)

Or elect members? (Sept. 22)

Increase members from 3 to 5 and include township supervisor? (Oct 27)

Merge with public works? (Sept 22)

Simplify transit administration? (Sept. 2)